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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Thirty-eight Meeting, 24 July 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

25X1A AIR - Capt. A. A. Restum
DIA - [REDACTED]
JCS - Capt. Jack O. Johnson
25X1A NSA - [REDACTED]
CIA - [REDACTED] Chairman
25X1A - Mr. Walter Pforzheimer, Acting Chairman
- [REDACTED] Secretary

OTHERS PARTICIPATING

25X1A ARMY - Mr. Henry Holz
- Mr. Edward C. Vogel
CIA - [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
LC - Mr. Lewis C. Coffin
NAL - Miss Bella E. Shachtman
NAVY - Lt. (j.g.) William S. Miller, Jr.
NLM - Miss M. Ruth MacDonald
NSF - Mr. Karl E. Olson
STATE - Mr. Steven D. Zagorski
- Mr. Bernard F. Dorr
- Mr. James A. Ramsey
USIA - Dr. L. King Quan
- Mr. Robert Sivard
- Mr. C. Grigorovich-Bareky

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1. Chairmanship of PROCIB. Mr. Pforzheimer introduced [REDACTED] the Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Central Reference, CIA, and stated that [REDACTED] is the new Chairman of PROCIB and will officiate as such at subsequent meetings of the successor committee when established. [REDACTED] expressed his pleasure in this new assignment and briefly reviewed his former duties as Director, National Indications Center. Mr. Pforzheimer was asked by [REDACTED] to continue to serve as Acting Chairman during this meeting.

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3. Welcome to New Members. (a.) The Chair introduced Miss Bella E. Shachtman as the regular representative of the National Agricultural Library. Mr. Foster Mohrhardt, NAL Librarian, will continue to serve as alternate. (b) [REDACTED] was welcomed aboard as the new DIA representative.

3. Forthcoming U. S. Book Exhibit in the USSR. Mr. Zagorski of State introduced Mr. Ramsey of the Bureau of Soviet Affairs, Department of State, and Messrs. Sivard and Brigorovich-Barsky of USIA, for the purpose of outlining the exhibit of U. S. technical books to be held in the USSR from November 1962-March 1963. Mr. Sivard explained that this exhibit has been on the planning board for some time, but that it is still not firmly decided in which cities in the USSR (other than Moscow) the exhibit will be shown nor for how long. The U. S. has requested that it be shown in four cities for three weeks each; the USSR has countered with the suggestion that only three cities be involved. The exhibit will comprise between 10-15,000 volumes in various technical fields. Titles will be purchased in two or three copies to allow for pilferage, loss, damage, etc. A total of 7,000 titles will be in the exhibit and displayed in exhibit cases built to permit maximum display and handling. Among the technical works displayed will be those for the non-technical reader, e.g., do-it-yourself handbook, the handymen's guide to plumbing, as well as technical manuals for the elementary to high school levels, special books for the handicapped worker, etc. It is hoped to have the exhibit open to the USSR public during one half of each exhibit day, and to limit the other half to students, technical experts, etc. There will be a section devoted to paperbacks on U. S. technology. No anti-communist literature will knowingly be included in the exhibit, as the USSR would demand its withdrawal. Disposition of the books following the exhibit has not been determined.

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4. Cunningham Amendment to H. R. 7927. The Acting Chairman drew attention to Section 11 of the Postal Rate Bill which has passed the House. This Section prohibits the Post Office Department from handling mail matter determined by the Attorney General to be Communist political propaganda. Of vital interest to the intelligence community and others is the fact that this amendment will block the receipt of communist material of great interest to intelligence analysts and scholars. [REDACTED] of DIA and Capt. Johnson of JCS were of the opinion that PROCIB should exert every effort to bring the seriousness of this legislation to the attention of USIA. [REDACTED] cited the Deputy Attorney General's letter (copy attached, PROCIB-D-63) pointing out the difficulties in enforcing such a loosely drawn provision.

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The Acting Chairman stated that CIA could not take a public position on the amendment, but had made its views known, and that State, USIA, and Justice were in fact "carrying the ball" for the entire U. S. Government. It was noted that CIA had sent a background memorandum to USIA regarding certain problems which the legislation would raise (a copy of this memorandum was sent to [REDACTED] and Capt. Johnson after the meeting). Mr. Coffin of LC was of the opinion that this provision would be difficult to

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enforce, particularly in the absence of a clear definition of "Communist political propaganda."

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5. Commendation of RPO's at Embassy [REDACTED] The draft commendation of the performance of the Regional Publications Procurement Officers [REDACTED] (both of whom are being assigned to other duties), prepared by the CIA Acquisitions Branch, was reviewed. The Chair recommended that a separate commendation be prepared for each officer, and that they be unclassified for inclusion in their personnel files. PROCIB unanimously approved the following actions:

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a. A separate commendation, unclassified, be prepared for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

b. The commendation should clearly indicate that PROCIB has endorsed same unanimously.

6. Acting Chairman's European Trip. The Acting Chairman discussed his recent European trip and in particular commented on the following subjects:

a. Visit to Army's 513th Intelligence Corps Group at Oberursel and Air Force Detachment 3, Foreign Technology Division at Wiesbaden;

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c. Little Chicom or Cuban material was discovered on this trip which had not already been known.

7. Dissolution of PROCIB. The Acting Chairman stated that, as a result of action taken at the USIB meeting of 18 July 1962 (see USIB Minutes of that date, item 8 b(2)), USIB approved the dissolution of PROCIB effective upon the termination of this thirty-eighth meeting. The Acting Chairman requested that all members present consider the need for, nature of, time and place of meeting, etc., of a new Committee, and funnel all thoughts they may have to [REDACTED] prior to the next meeting. The Acting Chairman further requested that each member agency prepare a paper for [REDACTED] outlining the scope of its publications procurement operations, to include:

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a. Annual volume of publications received;

b. Expenditure of funds involved;

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- c. Sources and channels used; and
- d. Methods of transmittal to headquarters.

It was noted for the record that the Army has already submitted such a paper, and that no such paper will be appropriate with respect to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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- 8. Expression of Thanks to Mr. Pforzheimer. [REDACTED] expressed his appreciation to Mr. Pforzheimer for his assistance to PROCIB and his service during the past several months as Acting Chairman.
- 9. Invitation to Tour the National Library of Medicine. Miss MacDonald of NLM stated that Dr. Rogers, the Librarian, has extended an invitation to the Committee to hold one of its future meetings at the new NLM building. A tour of the new headquarters will be part of the meeting. The Acting Chairman suggested that a date be fixed after all the members had returned from summer vacation to be present for such a tour, and that the minutes note PROCIB's appreciation for the kind offer.

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